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SUBJECT: TEXTILES -- JURICH CONSULTATION WITH CENTRAL
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1. ASSESSMENT OF JURICH CONSULTATIONS GIVEN TO EMBASSY BY
CARLOS CORDERO AND JOAQUIN CHRIST (SEE REFTEL A) COINCIDES
CLOSELY WITH USG ASSESSMENT OF MULTILATERAL TALKS (SEE REF-
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TEL B).

2. AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH GOES DELEGATION, THE GOES REITERATED POINT MADE EARLIER IN MULTILATERAL MEETING THAT PREFERENCE BE GIVEN TO RAW MATERIAL PRODUCERS WHO ARE STRIVING TO INCREASE TEXTILE EXPORTS; JURICH MAINTAINED POSITION THAT US, IN ACCORD WITH MFA, WAS UNABLE TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY EXPORTER. AS TO POLICY AND PLANS IN TEXTILE FIELD, GOES DELEGATION GAVE DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE EXPOSITION, POINTING OUT THAT THEIR INDUSTRY WAS FOCUSING ON DENIMS, POPLINS AND YARN, AND THAT THEY WERE NOT PLANNING AT THIS TIME TO GO INTO APPAREL. FURTHER, IN RESPONSE TO USG CONCERNS ABOUT THE SENSITIVITY OF SECTION 807 TRADE, CORDERO STATED THAT THE GOES HAD A POLICY OF DISCOURAGING 807 INDUSTRIES WHICH ARE IMPLEMENTED LARGELY BY DENIAL OF CREDIT AND FINANCING FACILITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN SUCH INDUSTRIES. GOES RATIONALE IS THAT SENSITIVITY OF 807 IMPORTS IS SUCH THAT DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS IN US WILL EVENTUALLY RESULT IN RESTRICTIONS ON SUCH IMPORTS.

3. CONCERNING CORDERO'S STATEMENT THAT FURTHER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD IN TWO MONTHS, USG IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF TEXTILE TRADE WITH EL SALVADOR TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER A BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO COVER SUCH TRADE IS APPROPRIATE. THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AND WE WILL ADVISE THE GOES OF US PLANS AT THAT TIME.

4. AT COMPLETION OF BILATERAL TALKS, CORDERO GAVE US DELEGATION COPY OF MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY MINISTRY OF ECONOMY WHICH DETAILS GOES POSITION. DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING A COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION. KISSINGER

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